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For: USE OF ERYTHROPOIETIN IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 1998. Along with this response, a Petition for Extension of Time is filed to extend the response due date from June 30, 1998 to September 30, 1998. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and entry of the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the current Abstract with the Substitute Abstract attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer and insert claims 15-30 as follows:

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